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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 1733  
PATENT APPLICATION**

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For: STEEL CORD FOR THE REINFORCEMENT OF A RUBBER ARTICLE AND TIRE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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